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This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2005 Pacific whiting fishery (whiting) off Washington, Oregon, and California. Due to concerns about the incidental catch of overfished species, bycatch limits are in place for canary (4.7 mt) and widow rockfish (200 mt) taken in the non-tribal sectors of the fishery. If either bycatch limit is reached, the primary whiting seasons for the non-tribal fisheries will end regardless of the amount of whiting allocation remaining.

	Allocation		Whiting Catch* (mt)	Bycatch	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons					
California (south of 42 N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; within shore-base allocation)	4,873	3,826			CA season started 4/1, 5% alloc'n	
Oregon	--	NA	56,399				
Washington	--	NA	29,180				
Shore-based	42% commercial OY	97,469	89,406	Canary - 2.1 mt Widow- 70.3 mt Chinook- #3914	8/14	started 6/15, ends 8/18 @ 2100	91.7%
Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	55,696	37,659	Canary-0.7 mt Widow-35.2 mt Chinook-#2143	8/16	started 5/15	67.6%
Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	78,903	49,636	Canary-0.3 mt Widow-40.2 mt Chinook-#1607	8/16	started 5/15	62.9%
Total nontribal	commercial OY	232,069	176,701	Canary - 3.1 mt Widow-145.7 mt Chinook-#7664	--	--	76.1%
Tribal (Makah)		35,000	28,325	Canary - 0.6 mt Widow-1.9 mt Chinook-#3911	8/9	started 5/1	80.9%
Total directed fishing		267,069	205,026	Canary - 3.7 mt Widow-147.6 mt Chinook-#11575	--		76.8%
Other (research & incidental catch in non-groundfish fisheries)		2,000	unknown at this time		--		--
Total	OY=optimum yield	269,069	205,026		--	--	--

* Catch includes discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based catcher vessels; and small amounts landed under the trip limit prior to the season. The data for at-sea processing sectors are based on preliminary NMFS observer data. Data for shore-based processors are provided by the States. Data for the at-sea processing portion of the Makah fishery are based on preliminary NMFS observers data and shore-based catch was provided by tribal samplers. All weights are in metric ton (2,204.6 pounds).

